

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, the National Historic Preservation Act was signed into law on October 15, 1966, and established the nation's legal framework for the protection and preservation of historic buildings, landscapes, and archaeological discoveries; and

WHEREAS, the National Historic Preservation Act has had a positive impact on communities throughout Alaska by recognizing revitalized historic downtowns, neighborhoods, and places that foster local pride, maintain community character, and enhance livability; and

WHEREAS, the United States and public, private, and nonprofit partners including the Alaska Anthropological Association, Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Alaska Historical Commissioner, and Alaska Historical Society are commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the national Historic Preservation Act throughout 2016 under the banner of "Preservation 50;" and

WHEREAS, thirteen boroughs and cities in Alaska benefit from the programs created by the act through participation in the Certified Local Government preservation partnership; and

WHEREAS, the National Register of Historic Places created by the act includes 423 listings of historic and archaeological sites, buildings, structures, and landscapes, recognizing over 1,600 Alaska archaeological sites and historical places from all parts of the state; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for economic development, neighborhood revitalization, heritage tourism, and fostering local pride and stewardship of Alaska's irreplaceable historic and prehistoric places.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as:

Historic Preservation Month

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Dated: April 21, 2016



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

*Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*